

16 revoked by notice in writing sent by registered mail to the permit  
 17 holder by the officer issuing same, expire on December 31st following  
 18 the issuance. The officer issuing the permit shall, except as to peace  
 19 officers, special police, plain-clothes officers and secret service men,  
 20 keep a record showing the name and address of the person to whom  
 21 issued, and for what period of time; which record shall not be open  
 22 to public inspection."

Approved April 7, A. D. 1917.

## CHAPTER 172.

### OF THE OILING OF PUBLIC STREETS.

S. F. 129.

AN ACT authorizing cities and towns to oil the streets and alleys and parts thereof and tax the cost up to the property benefited.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Oiling of streets—conditions—assessments. That  
 2 cities and towns operating under any of the forms of government pro-  
 3 vided for by the laws of the state, may by resolution order any street,  
 4 alley or part thereof oiled and assess the cost thereof to property  
 5 abutting upon such street, alley or part thereof so improved, except  
 6 the intersections which shall be paid for by the city or town, and to  
 7 any railway or street railway company whose tracks lay within the  
 8 limits of such improvement, provided no such oiling shall be ordered  
 9 unless the same be petitioned for by the owners of the majority of  
 10 the linear front feet of property abutting upon such street, alley or  
 11 part thereof, so to be improved, or by the majority vote of the city  
 12 or town council. Such improvement may be made either by the  
 13 municipality or by contract. The cost of preparing the road bed  
 14 except between the rails of any railway or street railway track and  
 15 one foot outside, thereof, to receive the oil, shall be paid by the mu-  
 16 nicipality from any funds which may now be legally appropriated  
 17 for general street improvement purposes by grading and draining to  
 18 provide adequate surface and under drainage, where necessary to  
 19 insure a solid firm road bed.

20 The cost of said improvement by oiling, except the cost of same  
 21 between the rails of any railway or street railway tracks and one (1)  
 22 foot outside thereof, shall be assessed to abutting property in pro-  
 23 portion to the benefits conferred thereby. The cost of so much of  
 24 said improvement as lies between the rails of the track or tracks of  
 25 any railway or street railway and one (1) foot outside thereof,  
 26 shall be assessed upon the real estate and personal property of said  
 27 railway or street railway within the corporate limits of said city or  
 28 town.

1 SEC. 2. Report as to cost. Upon the completion of the oiling,  
 2 the street commissioner or other officer designated by the council  
 3 shall, within thirty (30) days, file with the clerk of such city or

4 town, a statement of the amount due, if the work was done by con-  
5 tract, or if done by the municipality, an itemized and verified state-  
6 ment of expenditures for materials and labor used in making such  
7 improvement.

1 **SEC. 3. Notice of assessment—hearing.** Upon the filing of the  
2 statement, as provided in section two (2) hereof, the clerk shall pre-  
3 pare and file in his office a proposed assessment of the cost of such  
4 oiling, and he shall cause a notice of such facts to be given to all  
5 persons liable to such assessment by publication of the same in a news-  
6 paper published within the corporate limits of such city or town, but  
7 if no newspaper be published within the corporate limits of such city,  
8 then by posting along the line of said improvement two (2) copies  
9 of such notice for each four hundred (400) lineal feet thereof. The  
10 notice shall contain a statement of the extent of the work performed,  
11 the total cost thereof, that a proposed assessment of the cost of such  
12 oiling against abutting property, and the property of any railway or  
13 street railway occupying the part of the street or alley so improved,  
14 is on file in the office of the city or town clerk, together with a state-  
15 ment of the time when the council will meet to hear objections to  
16 such assessment, which time shall be not less than ten (10) days after  
17 the publication or posting of such notice.

1 **SEC. 4. Assessment—levy—certification of delinquent taxes.**  
2 At the time designated in such notice, the council shall meet, hear  
3 and consider all objections to the whole or any part of such assess-  
4 ment, and shall correct all errors or omissions therein and after such  
5 consideration, the council, by resolution, may adopt said assessment  
6 as proposed or as corrected and levy the same; and all such assess-  
7 ments or any part thereof which are not paid within thirty (30) days  
8 after such levy shall be certified by the clerk to the county auditor as  
9 a special tax against the lot, part of lot, parcel of land, or property  
10 affected, and shall be collected by the county treasurer in the same  
11 manner as other taxes.

1 **SEC. 5. Objections to be in writing.** All objections to errors,  
2 or irregularities in the making of said special assessments, or in any  
3 of the prior proceedings, petition or notices not made in writing and  
4 filed with the clerk within the time specified in the notice shall be  
5 waived except where fraud is shown.

1 **SEC. 6. Appeal.** Any person affected by the levy of any special  
2 assessment made hereunder, may appeal therefrom to the district  
3 court within ten (10) days from the date of such levy, by serving  
4 written notice thereof upon the mayor or clerk, and filing a bond for  
5 costs to be fixed and approved by either of said officers. Upon such  
6 appeal all questions touching the validity of such assessment, or  
7 amount thereof, and not waived under the provisions hereof shall be  
8 heard and determined. The appeal shall be tried as an equitable  
9 action and the court may make such assessment as should have been  
10 made or direct the making of such assessment by the council. The  
11 costs of the appeal shall be taxed as in other actions.

1 **SEC. 7. Publication clause.** This act being deemed of immediate  
2 importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its pub-

3 lication in the Des Moines Register and the Des Moines Capital, news-  
4 papers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 7, A. D. 1917.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Capital April 13, 1917, and in the Des Moines Register April 16, 1917.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 173.

### OF ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

S. F. 308.

AN ACT to legalize acknowledgments of instruments in writing heretofore taken by notaries public, additional to section twenty-nine hundred and forty-two (2942) of the code.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. **Acknowledgments legalized.** That the acknowledg-  
2 ments of all deeds, mortgages, or other instruments in writing here-  
3 tofore taken or certified, and which instruments have been recorded  
4 in the recorder's office of any county of this state, including acknowl-  
5 edgments of instruments made by any private or other corporation, or  
6 to which such corporation was a party, or under which such cor-  
7 poration was a beneficiary, and which have been acknowledged before  
8 or certified by any notary public who was at the time of such ac-  
9 knowldgment or certifying a stockholder or officer in such corpora-  
10 tion, be and the same are hereby declared to be legal and valid official  
11 acts of such notaries public, and to entitle such instruments to be  
12 recorded, anything in the laws of the state of Iowa in regard to  
13 acknowledgments to the contrary notwithstanding.

1 SEC. 2. **Pending litigation.** This act shall not affect pending  
2 litigation.

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## CHAPTER 174.

### OF PARKINGS IN SPECIAL CHARTER CITIES.

S. F. 326.

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in sections nine hundred ninety seven-a (997-a) and nine hundred ninety seven-c (997-c) of the supplemental supplement to the code, 1915, relating to the control of parkings in special charter cities:

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. **Property inside curb lines.** Section nine hundred  
2 ninety seven-a (997-a) of the supplemental supplement to the code,